

Subject:	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting and Date:	Annual Council – 17 May 2017
Report of:	David Randall, Director of Governance
Decision Type:	Non-Key
Classification:	Unrestricted
Purpose of the report:	The Annual Report of the Governance Committee to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Council on 17 May 2017
Recommendation:	That Members note the report.

1. Summary

This report summarises the achievements of the Governance Committee against its Terms of Reference for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 and details the impact that it has made on the overall system of internal control in operation for that period.

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 The purpose of the Council's Governance Committee is to provide independent assurance of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the associated control environment, provide an independent review of the Authority's financial and non-financial performance to the extent that it affects the Authority's exposure to risk and weakens the control environment, and to oversee the financial reporting process.

3. Annual Report

- 3.1 The Annual Council meeting makes provision for the receipt of the Annual Report of the Governance Committee, detailing its work during the preceding year.

4. Identification of Options

- 4.1 Option 1. To receive and note the report.
- 4.2 Option 2. Don't note the report.

5. Evaluation of Options

- 5.1 Option 1 is the recommended option. The Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework identifies openness and engagement as a core principle. This annual report effectively summarises the activity of the Governance Committee during 2016/17.

6. Resource Implications

6.1 None from this report

7. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Annual Report of the Governance Committee – 2016/17

8. **Background Papers**

8.1 Agenda items of the Governance Committee – 2016/17

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